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SUBJECT: "VJESNIK" COVERAGE OF TESLA UNVEILING AT NIAGARA"

1. ALMOST AN ENTIRE PAGE IN THE ZAGREB DAILY, "VJESNIK," WAS DEVOTED ON SUNDAY, AUG. 8, TO THE UNVEILING OF THE NIKOLA TESLA MONUMENT AT NIAGARA FALLS AND THE ACCOMPANYING CEREMONIES.

2. THE FOLLOWING STORY PLUS EIGHT PHOTOS BY "VJESNIK" CORRESPONDANT IN THE US, DRAZEN VUKOV-COLIC, APPEARED UNDER THE HEADLINE AND SUB-HEAD "TESLA AT NIAGARA," "IT WAS NICE TO BE A YUGOSLAV DURING THOSE DAYS WHEN THERE WAS UNVEILED IN 'THE PRETTIEST SPOT OF THE PRETTIEST REGION OF AMERICA' THE MONUMENT TO THE GREAT SCIENTIST OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN": QUOTE IT WAS REALLY NICE TO BE A YUGOSLAV AT NIAGARA FALLS DURING THOSE DAYS WHEN, AS OUR MAIN FESTIVITY IN RECOGNITION OF THE TWO HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, KRSINIC'S MONUMENT OF NIKOLA TESLA WAS UNVEILED (JULY 23) AS A PRESENT OF THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE US. ONLY ONE DAY LATER, ON THE LAWN OF BEAUTIFUL GOAT ISLAND, YUGOSLAV IMMIGRANTS HELD A DANCE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL IN HONOR OF "THE GREATEST OF ALL THOSE WHO CAME FROM THE OLD COUNTRY TO AMERICA." IN THIS WAY OUR WORDS, OUR NATIONAL COSTUMES, OUR SONGS, AND OUR CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD--AND NOT ONLY AMERICAN--SCIENCE REIGNED FOR THREE DAYS IN ONE OF

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THE MOST BEAUTIFUL REGIONS OF THE US. "ONE OF THE GREATEST

SCIENTISTS IN THE WORLD HAS HIS MONUMENT IN ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS PLACES IN THE WORLD," SAID A VISITOR AFTER THE GREETINGS OF PRESIDENTS TITO AND FORD WERE READ AT THE OFFICIAL CEREMONY. THERE IT WAS SAID ONCE AGAIN THAT BOTH COUNTRIES INCLUDE NIKOLA TESLA AMONG THEIR GREATEST SONS. NOW THE MAN WHO ALONE KNEW HOW TO BRING UNDER CONTROL AND USE THE POWER OF THIS PERHAPS MOST FAMOUS FALLS IN THE WORLD FOUND HIS PLACE RIGHT ON NIAGARA FALLS. HE WAS THE ONLY ONE AMONG MANY TO FACE THAT MAGNIFICANT CHALLENGE. FOR A HALF HOUR I COUNTED TWO GROUPS OF JAPANESE, A GROUP OF ENGLISHMEN AND SCANDINAVIANS, AND TEN AMERICANS AS THEY WERE BEING PHOTOGRAPHED ALONGSIDE THE TESLA MONUMENT. ALL CAREFULLY NOTED THAT THIS MAGNIFICANT SCULPTURE REPRESENTS "AN INVENTOR FROM YUGOSLAVIA." THUS OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE US IS CONSPICUOUS IN A PLACE THAT EVERY AMERICAN WISHES TO VISIT AT LEAST ONCE IN HIS LIFE AND THAT IS VISITED BY ALMOST EVERY FOREIGNER WHO HAPPENS TO FIND HIMSELF IN NORTH AMERICA. FROM NOW ON, THEIR VISIT TO NIAGARA WILL BE FOR THEM ALL AN ENCOUNTER AT THE SAME TIME WITH NIKOLA TESLA. AND "VJESNIK" IS THE ONLY PAPER IN YUGOSLAVIA THAT NOTED AND PHOTOGRAPHED FOR ITS READERS THIS GREAT HAPPENING UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: THIS EXTRAORDINARY SPREAD PUBLISHED SOME TWO WEEKS AFTER THE CEREMONIES HONORING TESLA AT NIAGARA FALLS INDICATES STRONGLY THE CONTINUING YUGOSLAV EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF NIKOLA TESLA AS A LINK BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE US. KAISER

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